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- ☐ The petition filed on _____ under 37 CFR 1.312(b) is granted. The paper has been forwarded to the examiner for consideration on the merits.

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- ☒ The amendment filed on JUNE 16, 2003 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- ☐ entered.
- ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention (Order 3311).
- ☒ disapproved. See explanation below.
- ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

- ① THE SPECIFICATION DOES NOT PROVIDE 35 USC 112, 1ST PARAGRAPH FOR THE PROPOSED AMEND'T. THAT MIXING OCCURS FOR A TOTAL OF 120 MINUTES. METHOD 3 SET FORTH IN THE AMEND'T. DATED JAN. 22, 2003 (PAPER No. 7) DESCRIBES MIXING FOR 30 MINUTES; MIXING FOR A FURTHER 30 MINUTES (TOTAL OF 60 MINUTES), AND THEN TAKING ALIQUOTS AFTER A FURTHER 30 MINUTES (TOTAL OF 90 MINUTES) AND 90 MINUTES (TOTAL OF 180 MINUTES). FIG. 5 DOES NOT CORRELATE TO METHOD 3. PLEASE SEE SECTION 706.03(o) IN THE MPEP.
- ② THE PROPOSED AMEND'T. WOULD INTRODUCE NEW ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION.

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☒ disapproved. See explanation below.

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- ① THE PROPOSED DELETION OF PARAGRAPH No. 3 IN CLAIMS 15, 19, 20, 26, 29 AND 32 INTRODUCES NEW MATTER: PLEASE SEE SECTION 706.03 (c) IN THE MPEP.

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